ANNUAL REPORT

for the fiscal year
ending March 31, 1998

Advisory Council on Heritage Property

During the period of this report

Minister
Honourable Guy Brown

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To His Honour
The Honourable J. James Kinley
Lieutenant-Governor of the
Province of Nova Scotia

Sir:

I have the honour to submit herewith the seventeenth annual report of the Advisory Council on Heritage Property, for the fiscal year concluding March 31, 1998.

Yours truly,

Rodney MacDonald

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Minister in Charge of the
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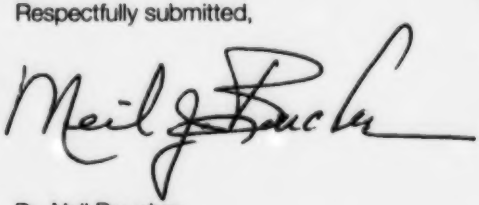
Honourable Rodney MacDonald
Minister in Charge of the Administration
of the Heritage Property Act
Province of Nova Scotia

Sir:

I have the privilege on behalf of the Advisory Council on Heritage Property to present our report on the work of the Council for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1998.

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Neil Boucher
Chairman

HERITAGE PROPERTY ACT

The purpose of this act is to provide for identification, designation, preservation, conservation, protection, and rehabilitation of buildings, structures, streetscapes, areas, and districts of historic, architectural, or cultural value in urban and rural areas and to encourage their continued use.

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HERITAGE PROPERTY

The Advisory Council on Heritage Property was first established in 1980 under the authority of the Heritage Property Act. This is the seventeenth year that the Council has advised the Minister on the registration of heritage properties and other related issues.

MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE HERITAGE PROPERTY ACT

By order of the Governor in Council, dated 18 July 1997, the Honourable Guy Brown was charged with responsibility for the administration of the Heritage Property Act.

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

During 1997–98, the following retired as members of Council: Kent Hurley, Dianne Thompson-Sheppard, Q.C., and the Reverend Hazen Parent.

New appointments during this period were: William Hyde, Father Emery Brien, Matthew Graham, and Fred Walsh.

Also serving during the 1997–98 year were: Dr. Neil Boucher (Chairman), Janice Gill, Laurent d'Entremont, Janet Maltby, and Joan Watcham.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REGISTRATION

The Advisory Council is pleased to note that the following properties, which it recommended, were duly registered in 1997–98:

- Zinck House, Rose Bay, Lunenbury County
- Bulmer House, Great Village, Colchester County
- Great Village School, Great Village, Colchester County
- Isaac LeBlanc House, Church Point, Digby County
- Lovitt House, Yarmouth, Yarmouth County
- Harmony Lodge #52, Aylesford, Kings County
- Lamp Cabin, Springhill, Cumberland County

The Advisory Council also recommended that the following be registered:

- Lawson House, Yarmouth, Yarmouth County
- St. John the Evangelist Church, Windsor, Hants County

PROVINCIAL HERITAGE PROPERTY PLAQUES

The Advisory Council takes pleasure in noting that heritage property plaques were presented to the owners of the following provincially registered heritage properties:

- Stayley Brown House, Yarmouth, Yarmouth County
- Great Village School, Great Village, Colchester County
- Bulmer House, Great Village, Colchester County
- MacMullen Oil Skin Factory, Barrington, Shelburne County

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT FOR ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HERITAGE PROPERTY

The Heritage Section provided administrative support for three regular meetings of the Advisory Council, held on May 29, September 11, 1997 and February 12, 1998.

GROUPS ADDRESSED AND ASSISTED

The staff of the Heritage Section addressed or assisted 67 groups and individuals, including municipal councils, heritage advisory committees, and heritage property owners, on the Heritage Property Act and related issues.

Staff were involved in representing the province at meetings of the International Council on Monuments and Sites, Heritage Canada, and the Association for Preservation Technology.

GRANTS

A total of 70 grants were approved under policies for the conduct of inventories, conservation plans, conservation assistance for registered heritage properties, and publications. Also, 39 Health Service Tax rebates were made.

PROVINCIAL INVENTORY

Grants were provided for inventory work in five municipalities, Argyle District, Pictou County, Annapolis County, Victoria County, and Colchester County. Approximately 476 buildings were inventoried, for a total of 14,448 buildings for which historical and architectural details have been documented.

HOME AWARDS—HISTORICAL RESTORATION

For the seventh successive year the Nova Scotia Home Awards had a category for historical restoration. This category provides awards for excellence in restoration of an older or heritage building for housing, with emphasis on authenticity, compatibility with existing detail and surroundings, and economic viability. The 1997 winners were Esther and Gilford Dares, owners of Stayley Brown House, Yarmouth, Yarmouth County, a provincially registered heritage property.

MUNICIPAL HERITAGE BY-LAWS

As of March 31, 1998, the number of municipalities with heritage by-laws stood at 46. This includes the adoption of a by-law in Kings County.

HERITAGE CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

On July 3, 1997, the Minister approved the plan and by-law establishing Nova Scotia's second Heritage Conservation District—the Collins District—located in the Town of Yarmouth.